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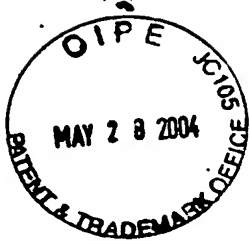
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Sir or Madam:

I, Angelika Budczinski, associated with the preparation and prosecution of the above-identified application, residing at Ossannastraße 16, 80999 München, Germany, wish to call the attention of the Patent Examiner to the references enumerated on the enclosed PTO Form-1449.

I believe the documents enumerated on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto, are cited in the enclosed application and in the Office Action of the German Patent and Trademark Office and may be material to the examination of the application.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner and incorporated into the file of this application.

I wish to comment as follows concerning the prior art references enumerated on PTO Form-1449:

For EP 0 318 100 A2, cited in the application, an English Derwent Abstract is enclosed.

For EP 0 220 774 A1, cited in the application, an English Derwent Abstract is enclosed.

For EP 0 196 717 B1, cited in the application, an English Derwent Abstract is enclosed.

EP 0 104 903 A1, cited in the application, is already in English language and is enclosed.

For EP 0 446 999 B1, cited in the application, an English Derwent Abstract is enclosed.

US 3,882,010, cited in the application, is enclosed.

US 5,655,046, cited in the application, is enclosed.

US 5,194,129, cited in the application, is enclosed.

For DE 101 56 137 A1, cited in the application, an English Derwent Abstract is enclosed.

For EP 1210294, cited in the application, the corresponding WO 01/17902 A1 and an English Derwent Abstract are enclosed.

US 4,979,971, cited in the application, is enclosed.

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For DE 101 58 521 A, cited in the application, which has not been published yet, the English translation is enclosed.

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Signed this *18* day of May, 2004.

  
Dr. Angelika Budczinski





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